



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 16th November, 2016

1. The Senate met at 10:25 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 15th November, 2016.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcements:**
(a) **Invitation:**
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Philip T. Aduda (FCT) as follows:



SENATOR PHILIP TANIMU ADUDA MFR JP
Federal Capital Territory
SENATE MINORITY WHIP

16th November, 2016

*His Excellency,
Senator (Dr.) Abubakar Olubukola Saraki,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

LETTER OF INVITATION

In pursuant of the Agricultural Transformation Agenda of the Federal Government, it is an honour for me to invite you and my entire colleagues to the Farmers' Field Day of Phinada Integrated Farms.

This event is scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Thursday, 17th November 2016

Time: 10 a.m

Venue: Phinada Integrated Farms, after Dorben Polytechnic, Across the Railway Bridge, Ahzhi Village, Bwari Abuja

I will be honoured if you take out time out of your busy schedule to attend this occasion.

Please accept the assurances of my high esteem and best regards.

(Signed)

Sen. Philip Tanimu Aduda *MFR*

Senate Minority Whip

(b) Acknowledgment:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

- (i) Members of Abuja International Academy, City College of Education, Mararaba, Nasarawa State;
- (ii) Staff and Students of Valid Crown International College, Bwari, Abuja; and
- (iii) Councilors of Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC), Abuja.

4. Petition:

Rising on Rule 41, Senator Nelson Efiang (*Akwa Ibom South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mr. Victor E. Iniobong, against Ifesinachi Motors Company Limited, over their refusal to redeem the rehabilitation package for his accident. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)].

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Ibrahim A. Gobir (*Sokoto East*) drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of the former Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji (Dr.) Ibrahim Dasuki, CFR. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

notes the demise of the former Sultan of Sokoto Alhaji Ibrahim Dasuki, CFR the 18th Sultan of Sokoto at the age of 93 years, on the 14th day of November, 2016;

further notes that, Sultan Ibrahim Dasuki was the 18th Sultan of Sokoto, and prior to becoming Sultan, he held the traditional title of Baraden Sokoto. He was a close associate of Ahmadu Bello the Sardauna of Sokoto, the Premier of Northern Region and a friend of a well renowned Islamic scholar Mallam Abubakar Gumi. He was influential in the founding of Jama'atu Nasril Islam;

also notes that, Sultan Ibrahim Dasuki was born on 31st December 1923 in Dogondaji, Sokoto State. He was the son of Haliru Ibn Barau who held the title of Sarkin Yamma, the District Head of Dogondaji. He started Quaranic education in 1928 and in 1931, he attended Dogondaji Elementary School before proceeding to Sokoto Middle School in 1935. He finished his secondary education at the famous Barewa College Zaria on a sponsorship from Sokoto Native Authority;

further notes that, after finishing Secondary school in 1943, he worked as a Clerk in the Treasury Office of the Sokoto Native Authority as it was the tradition in Northern Nigeria for grant recipients to work for their sponsors in their respective Native Authorities. However, in 1945, he took up appointment with Gaskiya Corporation, a publishing Company that published the Hausa daily, Gaskiya Ta Fi Kwabo;

also appreciates that, in 1953, heeding the call by Ahmadu Bello for Northern Nigeria citizens to take up appointment in the regional civil service, he joined the Service as an Executive Officer. A year later he became Private Secretary to Ahmadu Bello, the Sardauna of Sokoto;

further appreciates that, in 1957, he filled the position of Regional Executive Council Deputy Secretary and a year later he was sent to Jeddah as Nigeria's pilgrimage officer. Between 1960 and 1961, he worked in the Nigerian Embassy in Khartoum, Sudan and was later brought back to Nigeria by Ahmadu Bello to work as Resident in Jos. He became the Permanent Secretary in the Regional Ministry of Local Government. Sultan Dasuki later switched to the Ministry of Commerce in 1965 as Permanent Secretary;

observes that, from 1965 until he was crowned Sultan, Alhaji Ibrahim Dasuki concentrated largely on his business activities. In 1966, he was Chairman of the influential Northern Nigeria Produce Marketing Board, an organization involved with marketing the export of groundnut and in the distribution of seeds and chemicals. From 1967 to 1977, he was Director and later Chairman of the Nigerian Railway Corporation. From 1979 to 1989, he was co-founder and Chairman of the Nigerian Branch of BCC. He was also a partner of Nessim Gaon in APROFIM; the firm was involved in infrastructure investments, commodity production, purchasing and export activities;

further observes that, in 1984, he was appointed Chairman of the Committee for the Review of Local Government Administration in Nigeria. The Committee was tasked with the objective of recommending ideas on how to curb the machinations of State Governments in Local Government affairs and how Local Governments can encourage rural development;

further notes that, one of the major recommendations of the Committee was the establishment of a National Local Government Commission. However, the idea was rejected by the government;

further notes that, this Icon of wisdom was also an influential figure in the 1988 Constituent Assembly, he was a nominated Member of the Assembly and regarded as a rallying point for the core North. He provided impetus for a loose association known as the consensus/democrat group in the Constituent Assembly;

notes that, after the death of Sultan of Sokoto, Alh. Abubakar III, on November, 1st 1988, Alhaji Ibrahim Dasuki was installed as the 18th Sultan of Sokoto on December 6, 1988. He built 10 Quaranic schools in 1990 and established an adult literacy class. Sultan Dasuki also tried and succeeded in uniting the Muslim Ummah through the reorganization of Jama'atu Nasril Islam and the Nigerian Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs(NSCIA). He gave impetus to the appointment of late Dr. Lateef Adegbite, who became the first South Westerner to be the Secretary General of NSCIA; and

aware that, his death is a big loss to Sokoto, the North and the entire Country.

Accordingly resolves to :

- (i) urge the Federal Government to honour him by naming a monument after him; and
- (ii) observe one minute silence in honour of the late Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Ibrahim Dasuki.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to honour him by naming a monument after him — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do observe one minute silence in honour of the late Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Ibrahim Dasuki — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to honour him by naming a monument after him; and
- (ii) observe one minute silence in honour of the late Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Ibrahim Dasuki (S/Res/054/02/16).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

6. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Mao A. Ohuabunwa (*Abia North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the judgement given in his favour on the litigation between him and Chief Orji Uzor Kalu in respect of election of the Senatorial seat of Abia North. His gratitude goes to Almighty God, colleagues, friends and the Judiciary for all the efforts. He also reassured his Senatorial District, Abia North of his legislative commitment for their course.

7. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) City University of Technology Yaba Bill, 2016 (SB. 334) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) City University of Technology Kaduna Bill, 2016 (SB. 360) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Social Safety Nets Service Bill, 2016 (SB. 371) — *Read the First Time.*

8. Conference Committee:

Report on the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.222):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Report on the Screening of nominations of Justices of the Supreme Court:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of Hon. Justice Dauda Bage, JCA and Hon. Justice Paul Adamu Galinje, JCA as Justices of the Supreme Court of Nigeria (*Senator David Umaru — Niger East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

10. Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission:

Report on the Screening of Nominations of Commissioners:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission on the screening of the nominations of Commissioners for the Independent National Electoral Commission (*Senator Olusola Adeyeye — Osun Central*)

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

11. Executive Communication:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation for Virement of funds appropriated for Special Intervention (Recurrent) and Special Intervention (Capital) for funding of critical Recurrent and Capital items (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Appropriations to report within one (1) week.

12. Tertiary Education Trust Fund (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2011 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.375):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2011 and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Jibrin I. Barau — Kano North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to report within Four (4) weeks.

13. National Payment System Bill, 2016 (SB. 005):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act provide for the Management, Administration, Operation, Regulation and Supervision of Payment, Clearing and Settlement Systems in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and to provide for Other Related Matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Hope O. Uzodinma — Imo West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to report within Four (4) weeks.

14. Maritime University of Nigeria, Okerenkoko (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 295):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Maritime University of Nigeria, Okerenkoko and for Other Matters Connected Thereto, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator James E. Manager — Delta South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to report within Four (4) weeks.

15. Maritime University of Nigeria, Oron (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 309):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Maritime University of Nigeria, Oron and for Other Matters Connected Thereto, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Nelson Efiang — Akwa-Ibom South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to report within Four (4) weeks.

16. National Sports Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.155):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Sports Commission to be charged with the responsibility of administration of Sports and Other Matters Incidental Thereto, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Obinna J. Ogba — Ebonyi Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Sports and Youth Development to report within Four (4) weeks.

17. Legal Framework for Credit Bureau Services Bill, 2016 (SB.205):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for Legal Framework for Credit Bureau Services and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Rafiu A. Ibrahim — Kwara South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to report within two (2) weeks.

18. Companies Income Tax Act CAP C21 LFN 2010 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.140):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Companies Income Tax Act CAP C21 LFN 2010 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Andy E. Uba — Anambra South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Finance to report within Two (2) weeks.

19. Nigeria Postal Services Act CAP N127 LFN, 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (SB.106):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

20. Infrastructure Development Bill, 2016 (SB.04):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Facilitation and Co-ordination of Public Infrastructure Development to ensure that Infrastructure Development in the country is given Priority in Planning, Approval and Implementation and for Matters Incidental Thereto, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade — Benue North East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Works to report within Four (4) weeks.

21. **National Commission for Peace, Reconciliation (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.74):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
22. **Energy Commission Act CAP EI0 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.196):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
23. **Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Act CAP N124 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.33):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
24. **National Youth Service Corps Act CAP N84 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.147):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
25. **Environmental Managers Registration Council (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 88):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
26. **Chartered Institute of Fraud Examiners (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.167):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
27. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 17th November, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
(Deputy Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:27 p.m.

Abubakar Olubukola Saraki, CON
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.